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# Kearns Backs U.S. Stand On Quemoy

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The U. S. should never surrender the Quemoy Islands to the Red Chinese, Congressman Carroll D. Kearns told the Erie Rotary Club Wednesday.

Kearns said there was talk in Washington and in the press that we should surrender the islands in exchange for a pledge of peace.

"I say never," Kearns exclaimed. "We can't afford to do that."

The area congressman, introduced by Robert Haller, said he had visited Formosa five times now and was fully briefed on the current crisis.

He stressed his continued opposition to recognition of Red China.

"Once America ever recognizes the Communists, we lose the prestige of freedom," Kearns said.

The veteran congressman, now seeking his seventh term, lashed out at those "commentators" who belittle the U. S. defense effort.

"Don't be concerned about our failure to develop long range missiles as quickly as the Russians," Kearns said. "We didn't need them. Uncle Sam has his arms wrapped all around Russia. All we needed were our short range missiles."

Kearns also expressed doubt that Russian missiles could get through to the U. S. "I don't think they'd get through our defense," he said. "But the Russians have good public relations people that try to frighten us."

The congressman then made this blunt assertion: "If we were to have a hot war today, we'd beat them decisively. But we don't start wars."

Kearns had praise for the

attached CIA Central Intelligence Agency.

"We have a good CIA and this was proved in Lebanon," he said. "Nasser was able to do as much as he has in the Middle East because of Russian intelligence, but in Lebanon the CIA was first. We moved fast and saved the country from Nasser."

Kearns said he didn't worry about Russia occupying the U. S. "I do worry about us here at home," he added. "Our greatest problem at home is management-labor relations. Unless we solve this problem, we will lose out as the great republic."

As Kearns saw it, "either we let labor take over or we have good solid type citizens who stand up and say, no, this is America."

The area legislator bitterly attacked the Kennedy-Ives labor bill, co-sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sen. Irving Ives, R-R.I.

According to Kearns, the Kennedy-Ives bill was a "do nothing" bill. "It did nothing for management and it attacked labor," he charged.

Kearns called the defeat of the Kennedy-Ives bill in the House "the greatest action of the 93rd Congress."

Kearns said the Kennedy-Ives bill did not call for a secret vote for union officers. "You'll always have Becker and Hefner, you'll always have undeserved strikes until you get legislation requiring secret votes."

The congressman also protested the "do nothing" nature of the Kennedy-Ives bill. "You had to keep unions to re-